

Overview of our Scholarships



Scholarships and Cultural Activities (BK) – Scholarship Program for International Students

European and International Cooperation (EIZ) – International Dialogue Programs (IP)

Funding Organization	Federal Foreign Office	✗ Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development; Federal Foreign Office
Guidelines	Guidelines of the Federal Foreign Office about the funding, support, and follow-up support for foreign students, interns, graduate students, and academics (Scholarship Guidelines)	≡ Guidelines of the Federal Foreign Office about the funding, support, and follow-up support for foreign students, interns, graduate students, and academics (Scholarship Guidelines)
Application Procedure	Multiple levels (written and oral): Recipients chosen via annual Selection Conferences („Auswahltag“ or AWT) hosted by KAS foreign offices (locations chosen by EIZ and BK), as well as in Germany (annually in autumn)	✗ Multiple levels (written and oral): Recommendation from KAS Representative at foreign office, submission of required documents (please see the information sheet) by the KAS Representative at the foreign office to the responsible IP Coordinator (by region)
Deadlines	Deadlines chosen in agreement with EIZ and the relevant KAS foreign offices, for Germany always by July 15th	✗ Spring semester: by December 15th of the previous year (cut-off date) Fall semester: by July 15th of the same calendar year (cut-off date)
Capacity	approx. 300 scholarships per year	✗ approx. 80 scholarships per year

Prerequisites

Basic Studies required	yes (undergraduate degrees cannot be funded)	≡ yes (undergraduate degrees cannot be funded)	
Professional Qualifications	above-average grades in basic studies required	≡ above-average academic performance desired	
Subjects	no restrictions	✗ Applicants without clear ties to the work of the KAS in their home country cannot be considered	
Close Ties to KAS' Work	no	✗ highly relevant	
Voluntary/Social Engagement	required	≡ above-average political or social engagement desired	
Knowledge of German	required (B1/B2)	✗ not required	
Maximum Age	30/31 at the time of application	✗ no age restrictions	
Minimum Duration of Funding in Germany	3 semesters	✗ 1 semester for studies (6 months); the duration of funding can be shorter in the case of internships or research stays	
Maximum Duration of Funding in Germany	the maximum duration of funding is according to the standard period of study; maximum: master's degree plus doctorate (usually up to 7 years in total)	✗ the maximum duration of funding is 2 years for studies, 6 months for internships or research stays, and 12 months for fellowships	

Offerings

Consultation and Support	via the Department "Scholarship Program for International Students" of BK, local university groups and tutors/liaison professors at university (approx. 180 groups in Germany and Europe), and the Network of International Scholars (NIS)	✗ primarily via the Coordinators of the IP Department, inclusion in local university groups will be further strengthened, as well as enhanced contact for scholars to the relevant EIZ Regional Department
Financial Support	850 Euro for master's students/1,200 Euro for PhD candidates per month, refund of health insurance payments, round-trip travel from home country to Germany; where applicable rent subsidy, lump sum reimbursement of additional costs (rent-related and to be paid at the end of the year), additional benefits for research trips, German courses, and spouse/children	≡ 850 Euro for master's students/1,200 Euro for PhD candidates per month, refund of health insurance payments, round-trip travel from home country to Germany; where applicable rent subsidy, lump sum reimbursement of additional costs (rent-related and to be paid annually), additional benefits for research trips, German courses, and spouse/children
KAS-Network Support	Obligatory attendance of the seminar and workshop programs provided by the local university group and BK; joint seminars with EIZ ("Bridge" Seminar and Meeting of the NIS)	✗ Welcome Seminar in the fall semester for new scholarship recipients, "Bridge" Seminar with the applicable EIZ Regional Department and BK in the spring semester (for all scholars), KAS events as available in the scholar's location of residence
Integration in Germany	is a primary goal of the scholarship program, hence the prerequisite knowledge of German	✗ Emphasis on the return to the scholar's home country and the application of gained knowledge in the support of KAS projects on-site
Language Courses	max. 6 months of German courses fundable	≡ max. 6 months of German courses fundable
Alumni Support	via the Club of Former Scholarship Holders, ASeV and KASConnect, as well as various KAS foreign offices	≡ via the KAS foreign offices and regional "Follow-up Seminars" (2 per year), inclusion in the EIZ Former Scholars Group in KASConnect, and regional networks should be further supported

Application and Information

Website	www.kas.de/web/begabtenfoerderung-und-kultur/auslaendische-studierende	Applications exclusively via the KAS foreign offices
Contact	auslaenderfoerderung@kas.de	Please contact the responsible IP coordinator (by region)

